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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Reallocation of Unused Fiscal Year 2015 Tariff-Rate Quota Volume for Raw Cane Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of country-by-country reallocations of the FY 2015 in-quota quantity of the World Trade Organization (WTO) tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for imported raw cane sugar.

DATES: [Enter date of publication in Federal Register].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains WTO TRQs for imports of raw cane and refined sugar.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a TRQ for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamation 6763 (60 FR 1007).

On September 2, 2014, the Secretary of Agriculture established the FY 2015 TRQ for imported raw cane sugar at the minimum to which the United States is committed pursuant to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements (1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV)). On September 9, 2014, USTR provided notice of country-by-country allocations of the FY 2015 in-quota quantity of the WTO TRQ for imported raw cane sugar. Based on consultation with quota holders, USTR has determined to reallocate 157,937 MTRV of the original TRQ quantity from those countries that are unable to fill their FY 2015 allocated raw cane sugar quantities. USTR is allocating the 157,937 MTRV to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY 2015 Reallocation
Argentina	11,263
Australia	21,739
Barbados	1,834
Belize	2,881
Brazil	37,978
Colombia	6,286

Costa Rica	3,929
Ecuador	2,881
El Salvador	6,810
Fiji	2,357
Guatemala	12,572
Guyana	3,143
Honduras	2,619
India	2,095
Jamaica	2,881
Mozambique	3,405
Nicaragua	5,500
Peru	10,739
South Africa	6,024
Swaziland	4,191
Thailand	3,667
Zimbabwe	3,143

These allocations are based on the countries' historical shipments to the United States. The allocations of the raw cane sugar WTO TRQ to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin. Certificates of quota eligibility must accompany imports from any country for which an allocation has been provided.

Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

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